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- TI Gene therapy for rheumatoid arthritis
- SO EXPERT OPINION ON BIOLOGICAL THERAPY, (NOV 2001) Vol. 1, No. 6, pp. 971-978.

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AU Gouze E; Ghivizzani S C; Palmer G D; Gouze J N; Robbins P D; Evans C H (Reprint)

Rheumatoid arthritis (RA) is a disabling, painful disorder affecting 1% of the world's population. Although the aetiology of RA remains unknown, recent advances in understanding its pathophysiology have led to the characterisation of several proteins whose activities may be anti-arthritic. Clinical application of such proteins has greatly improved the treatment of RA, but the disease remains incurable and difficult to manage in a substantial number of patients. Thus, there are continued efforts to develop new therapeutic strategies. Because RA is a chronic condition, effective treatment will probably require the presence of therapeutic agents for extended periods of time. In the case of proteins, this is problematic. Gene therapy may offer a solution to this problem. Experimental studies have confirmed the feasibility, efficacy and safety of gene therapy for the treatment of animal models of Several different approaches have shown promise in this regard, including gene transfer to the synovial lining cells of individual joints and the systemic delivery of genes to extra.: articular locations. One unexpected finding has been the 'contralateral effect' in which gene delivery to one joint of an ani mal with polyarticular disease leads to improvement of multiple joints. Investigation of this phenomenon has led to interest in cell trafficking and the genetic modification of antigen-presenting cells (APC). The first Phase I clinical trial tested the feasibility and safety of ex vivo gene transfer to the synovial lining of human joints. This clinical trial has been successfully completed and two other Phase I trials are in progress. A Phase 11 study is now being planned to investigate the efficacy of gene transfer to the joints of patients with early stage RA.

- L6 ANSWER 2 OF 5 MEDLINE on STN
- TI In vivo gene delivery to synovium by lentiviral vectors.
- SO Molecular therapy: journal of the American Society of Gene Therapy, (2002 Apr) 5 (4) 397-404.

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- AU Gouze Elvire; Pawliuk Robert; Pilapil Carmencita; Gouze Jean-Noel; Fleet Christina; Palmer Glyn D; Evans Christopher H; Leboulch Philippe; Ghivizzani Steven C
- AB The delivery of anti-arthritic genes to the synovial lining of joints is being explored as a strategy for the treatment of rheumatoid arthritis. In this study, we have investigated the use of VSV-G pseudotyped, HIV-1-based lentiviral vectors for gene delivery to articular tissues. Recombinant lentivirus containing a beta-galactosidase/neomycin resistance fusion gene under control of the

elongation factor (EF) lalpha promoter efficiently transduced human and rat synoviocytes and chondrocytes in cell culture. When directly injected into the knees of rats, this vector transduced synovial lining cells, but not other articular tissues such as cartilage. We also constructed a lentiviral vector containing the human interleukin-1 receptor antagonist (IL1RA) cDNA and examined transgene expression in vitro and in vivo following injection into the knee joints of rats. In immunocompetent animals, intra-articular ILIRA expression was high and persisted, at a sharply declining rate, for approximately 20 days. In immunocompromised rats, however, lentivirus-mediated intra-articular expression of human IL1RA was found to persist for at least 6 weeks. Extra-articular expression of the transgene was minimal. These results indicate that lentiviral vectors are capable of efficient in vivo gene transfer to synovium and merit further investigation as a means of providing long-term expression for gene-based treatments of arthritis.

- L6 ANSWER 3 OF 5 CAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2006 ACS on STN
- TI Method of treating arthritis using lentiviral vectors in gene therapy
- SO PCT Int. Appl., 51 pp. CODEN: PIXXD2
- IN Pawliuk, Robert; Leboulch, Philippe
- AB Novel methods for treating and preventing arthritis, such as rheumatoid arthritis, are disclosed which employ lentiviral gene delivery vectors, including HIV-based lentiviral vectors, to deliver a therapeutic gene to a subject. Lentiviral-based vectors treat arthritis by promoting high-level expression of the transferred therapeutic gene in the target tissue of the subject. High-titer VSV-G pseudotyped HIV-1-based lentiviral vectors were evaluated for their ability to deliver exogenous genes to articular tissues. Expression of hIL-1Ra via lentiviral injection reduced inflammation of the knee (site of injection) in arthritis induced rats compared to control animals.

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- TI Lentiviral-mediated gene delivery to synovium: potent intra-articular expression with amplification by inflammation.
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- AU Gouze Elvire; Pawliuk Robert; Gouze Jean-Noel; Pilapil Carmencita; Fleet Christina; Palmer Glyn D; Evans Christopher H; Leboulch Philippe; Ghivizzani Steven C
- Clinical translation of gene-based therapies for arthritis could AB be accelerated by vectors capable of efficient intra-articular gene delivery and long-term transgene expression. Previously, we have shown that lentiviral vectors transduce rat synovium efficiently in vivo. Here, we evaluated the functional capacity of transgene expression provided by lentiviral-mediated gene delivery to the joint. To do this, we measured the ability of a lentiviral vector containing the cDNA for human interleukin-1 receptor antagonist (LV-hIL-1Ra) to suppress intra-articular responses to IL-1beta. Groups of rats were injected in one knee with 5 x 10(7) infectious units of LV-IL-1Ra. After 24 h, a range of doses of fibroblasts (3 x 10(3), 10(4), 3 x 10(4), or 10(5) cells) genetically modified to overexpress IL-1beta was injected into both knees. Intra-articular delivery of LV-hIL-1Ra strongly prevented swelling in all treated knees, even in those receiving the greatest dose of IL-1beta(+) Cellular infiltration, cartilage erosion, and invasiveness of inflamed synovium were effectively prevented in LV-hIL-1Ra-treated knees and were significantly inhibited in contralateral joints. Beneficial effects were also observed systemically in the lentivirus -treated animals. Interestingly, intra-articular expression of the IL-1Ra transgene was found to increase in relation to the number of IL-1beta(+) cells injected. Further experiments using GFP suggest this is due to the proliferation of cells, stably modified by the integrative lentivirus, in response to inflammatory stimulation.